

USD #377 Weekly Update

For Parents, Patrons and Staff

Steve Wiseman, Superintendent

Monday, October 13, 2008

Good Things are Happening at Atchison County Community Schools!



Jane Halling, Secretary Lancaster -

Lancaster's students of the week are:

Kindergarten - John Livingston, 1st Grade - Evan Hamilton, 2nd Grade - Kaelyn Kimmi, 3rd Grade - Sean Schmidt, 4th Grade - Madison Hetherington

Jennifer Hansen, HS Social

Studies/Government - The senior government/econ classes will be spearheading a mock election. They will register students to mock vote on Oct 13 and 14 during lunch. Then on Oct. 28 and 29 they will monitor the election by online voting during homeroom. Each registered voter will get to cast their ballot for president, senator, representative, and

voice their views on 6 current national issues. The results will be available Oct 30, we will find out what the over 1 million students participating nationally voted as well as our state and local results.

Mrs. Wiseman, Technology Director - Finished setting up Thin Clients in the 3 Kindergarten classrooms in place of the Windows 98 standalone systems to allow the students connection to the district network and the internet. Found an updated network configuration to set up the HS accounting software from 2000 on our current district network and classroom computers. Started posting the MS daily announcements to the MS webpage, http://usd377.org/msweb/ms_index.htm.

Kathy Albers, School Nurse – Trish Penning, an 8th grader is going to the State Corn Picking this Saturday. I understand from Bob Staley, that she is getting faster all the time.

Mr. Wiseman, Superintendent –I received notice from Dr. Kay Highbarger, Executive Director, South Central Kansas Service Center, who has been notified by the USDA that they have been selected to receive one of the RUS grants, ours for \$439,377 which is essentially 50% of the total cost to set up the IDL carts or classrooms as identified in the grant—28 of them. By participating in this grant, USD 377 will be able to install a second IDL lab. An IDL lab costs approximately \$30,000, which means it will cost the district approximately \$15,000.

John Flores, Athletic Director – Fall Sports Update

Congratulations to the Varsity Volleyball team and coaches for taking second place on Saturday at the Atchison USD 409 Volleyball Invitational!

Volleyball Results: Sept. 28-Oct. 9

Freshmen - ACCHS defeated Hiawatha 25-15, 23-25, 15-7, ACCHS vs Sabetha 10-25, 20-25, ACCHS vs MH-MA 20-25, 22-25

Varsity - ACCHS defeated Sabetha 25-18, 25-19, ACCHS defeated Royal Valley 25-21, 25-19

JV - ACCHS vs Sabetha 17-25, 25-14, ACCHS vs Royal Valley 16-25, 25-14, 15-6

Cross Country – Gentry Linscott placed first @ Horton Meet

MS Football ACCMS vs Jeff West 7th Grade 0-26, ACCMS vs Jeff West 8th Grade 12-0

MS Volleyball County Tournament 7th /8th grade

ACCMS (7th) vs Trinity Lutheran 11-25, 25-16, 13-15, ACCMS (7th) vs ACES 20-25, 27-25,

ACCMS (8th) vs Atchison 20-25, 25-23, 15-13, ACCMS (8th) vs ACES 25-23, 25-20

Freshmen Volleyball Quad - ACCHS vs Nemaha Valley 22-25, 25-20, 8-15, ACCHS vs Royal Valley 12-25, 25-22, 8-15, ACCHS vs Jeff West 18-25, 13-25

Varsity Football - ACCHS 3 Holton 41, JV Football @ JCN- ACCHS 22, JCN 0

MS School Big 7 League Tournament - 8th grade placed 4th, 7th grade placed 3rd

Varsity Volleyball @ Hiawatha - ACCHS vs MH-MA 25- 14, 25- 13, ACCHS vs Hiawatha 25-20, 25-19

Freshman Volleyball Quad

ACCHS vs Fall City Neb. 19-25, 20-25, 1-15, ACCHS vs MH-MA 25-19, 25-18,

ACCHS vs Sabetha 19-25, 36-34, 12-15

Cross Country @ Sabetha

Girls - Gentry Linscott 4th place, Hannah Boos 27th place

Boys Team 6th place - Trevor Lutz 27th place, Steven Rathert 29th place, Kinson Billings 39th place, Jacob Howard 42nd place, Tobin Warriner 49th place

Middle School Football 7th grade - ACCMS 6, Royal Valley 8

Middle School Football 8th grade - ACCMS 36, Royal Valley 16

Notices:

Mr. Wetig, Elementary Principal – Please be aware that this weekend some parents found pornographic pictures hung around the Lancaster playground. According to the parents, the pictures were placed on the monkey bars and on the toys by the mulch. The pictures were purposely positioned so kids would see them. Lancaster staff members have been asked to look over the playground on Monday before taking students out.

Health News from Mrs. Albers, School Nurse – I have finished vision screening on all students K-4 in the district. We are now completing review of immunizations and physicals required for school entry. We will be scheduling vision screening in October for all new students, 5th, 7th, and students with IEP's.

PowerSchool will be down October 22nd, 23rd & 24th. We will be migrating PowerSchool data to an on-site server on the above mentioned dates. There will be no access to the program by Staff - Teachers - Parents or Students during the migration.

Accelerated Reading Reports - There are components of the Accelerated Reader program Parent Access that are now functioning correctly.

The September 13 JV VB Tourney @ MH-MA has been rescheduled to October 18.

[Study: Stereotypes turn U.S. girls, boys away from math](#)

By undervaluing math skills and stereotyping children who do well, American culture discourages students from exploring vital math and science fields, according to a new study led by a professor from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "It is deemed uncool within the social context of USA middle and high schools to do mathematics for fun; doing so can lead to social ostracism. Consequently, gifted girls, even more so than boys, usually camouflage their mathematical talent to fit in well with their peers," the study concludes.